

Dakota County 2022 County Roads 66/62 Area Interchange at Highway 52



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County Roads 66 and 62 intersect with Highway 52 in Vermillion Township. County Road 66 is the main east-west roadway at Highway 52 and County Road 62 joins the highway one mile north. County Roads 66 and 62 each carry more than 2,000 vehicles per day and Highway 52 carries 35,000 vehicles per day through the area. The intersections serve residents in the City of Vermillion and Vermillion and Empire townships, and connect to Farmington, Hastings and other communities.

A long-term plan is needed for these county road connections with Highway 52. Both intersections include restricted-crossing U-turns at Highway 52, which are safer than standard at-grade intersections. However, crash rates on County Road 66 remain above the state average.

The need for action is consistent with long-term plans to build interchanges on Highway 52 north and south of the County Road 66/62 area. These two county roads are in the middle of a 6-mile stretch of Highway 52 that includes several at-grade road intersections and private driveways. There are increasing traffic volumes on all area roadways, creating risks for delays and more crashes as drivers find fewer safe gaps for turns or highway crossings. This location will require innovative designs because it is near the Vermillion River and other cultural, agricultural and community resources.

A new interchange near the County Roads 66 and 62 intersections with Highway 52 and related road improvements will allow eastbound and westbound traffic to safely cross Highway 52 with no exposure to highway traffic.

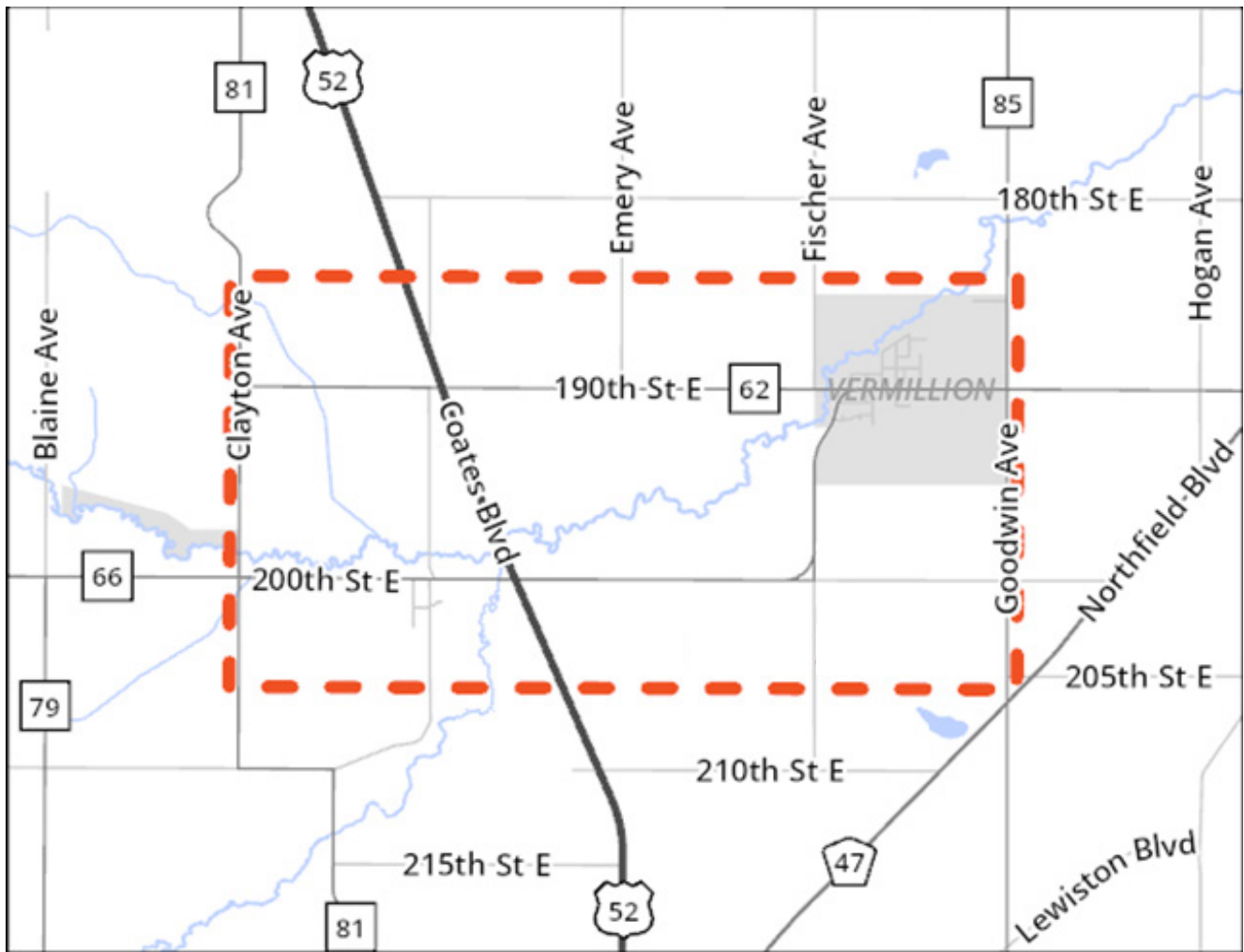
The issue: Safety and mobility are increasingly at risk where County Roads 66 and 62 connect with Highway 52 in Vermillion Township. Crash rates at one intersection are higher than the state average, and traffic volumes are only expected to increase.

The solution: Construction of a new interchange with related roadway improvements to provide safe connections for Highway 52 at County Roads 66 and 62. Planning and preliminary design work is underway. Construction could occur as soon as fall 2024 if funding is received.

State request: \$15 million

PROJECT FUNDING SOURCES

State funding	\$15 million
County funds	\$5 million
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Project cost	\$20 million



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